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Kingston, Canada,

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My dear Sir,

I write to ask a favour of you, and I trust you will excuse the liberty. I have been puzzling over our Canadian Woodsias, & hardly know what to make of some of them, because I have two specimens named W. obtusa both very different & by good botanists, neither of which can, I imagine, be the plant which I can describe under that name. Would you therefore be so kind as favour me with a fertile frond of your Woodsia, to enable me to understand the species.

I thought we had it in Canada,
but begin to doubt. We have
added some interesting ferns lately
to the Canadian list, Scolopendrium
vulgare, Asplenium viride, &
Asplenium angustifol. just comes
within our borders, & was found at
the oil wells last season. Do
you know a fern wh in drying
emits a strong scent of new hay?
I have traditionary evidence of the
existence of such in S.W. Canada,
but no specimen, & it is too far to
go. But I must not write
you a long & troublesome letter.
If you have time to drop me
a line, The address of Mr
Eaton, the pteridologist would
be thankfully received.

Ever my dear Sir
Yours truly
Fred'k Lawson

^ I have not heard of Lastrea Foenesecii being found in America.

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